

# **FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

## **SB 653 – HB 1383**

April 18, 2007

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006582):** Requires the Department of Health to implement a pilot program enabling county clerks to issue certified copies of abstract birth certificates in Unicoi, Tipton, Hamblen, Anderson, Knox, Davidson and Shelby counties. Authorizes county clerks to issue certified copies of birth certificates and requires the Department of Health to provide state security paper for the issuance of such certificates. Authorizes county clerks to charge a fee of five dollars in addition to any fee established by the Department of Health. Prohibits county clerks from issuing death certificates or altering birth certificates.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$43,500/Recurring  
\$3,900/One-time

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures –  
Exceeds \$5,400/Permissive/Recurring  
Exceeds \$7,800/Permissive/Recurring

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Revenues – \$37,800/Recurring FY08, FY09**  
**\$54,600/One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues –**  
**Exceeds \$50,000/ FY08, FY09**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* -**  
**\$37,800/Recurring FY08, FY09**  
**\$54,000/One-Time**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Seven counties will be required to implement the pilot program.
- The Department of Health charges \$450 per month or \$5,400 annually for a connection to their Vital Records database resulting in a recurring

increase in local government expenditures and a recurring increase in state revenues of \$37,800 ( $7 \times \$5,400 = \$37,800$ ).

- The Department of Health has a one-time charge of \$7,800 for a terminal to access the Vital Records database resulting in a one-time increase in local government expenditures and a one-time increase in state revenues of \$54,600 ( $7 \times \$7,800 = \$54,600$ ).
- The number of birth or death certificates requested statewide would be unchanged.
- At least 10,000 birth certificates would be sold through county clerks in the counties included in the pilot program resulting in an increase in local government revenues exceeding \$50,000 ( $10,000 \times \$5 = \$50,000$ ).
- County clerks would retain the entire \$5 fee authorized for issuance of such certificates and the Department of Health would continue to receive the same amount of fee revenue per certificate that is generated on such issuances through local health departments.
- The provisions of the bill sunset on June 30, 2009.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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